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SUBJECT:SAKHAROV PRESENTS APPEAL ON BEHALF OF PENTE-
COSTALISTS

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1. ANDREY SAKHAROV, ACCOMPANIED BY ZARINA DZEBOYEVA, MET BY APPOINTMENT AT EMBASSY FEBRUARY 22 WITH CONSOFF AND POLITICAL OFFICER TO PRESENT THREE APPEALS FROM SOVIET PENTECOSTALISTS WHO ASK PRESIDENT CARTER'S ASSISTANCE IN THEIR EMIGRATING FROM USSR. THE DOCUMENTS INCLUDE:
--A LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT, ENCLOSING A LIST OF 1,596 FAMILIES WISHING TO EMIGRATE;
--AN APPEAL TO THE PRESIDENT FROM PENTECOSTALISTS OF BREST OBLAST, BELORUSSIA; AND
--AN APPEAL TO THE PRESIDENT FROM PENTECOSTALISTS AND BAPTISTS OF ROVENSKIY OBLAST, THE UKRAINE.

2. UPON DISCOVERING THAT DOCUMENT HAD BEEN LEFT AT HOME BY MS. DZEBOYEVA, HE LEFT FOR THIRTY MINUTES TO FETCH THE APPEAL. HE RETURNED AND ENTERED EMBASSY WITHOUT INCIDENT.

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3. HE PRESENTED APPEAL, WHICH WITH SUPPORTING SIGNATURES IS 95 PAGES LONG, TO CONSOFF FOR FORWARDING TO WASHINGTON. CONSOFF STATED THAT HE COULD GIVE NO ASSURANCE REGARDING DISPOSITION. (EMBASSY POUCHING APPEAL TO EUR/SOV).

4. MS. DZEBOYEVA DELIVERED TO CONSOFF 25 VYZOV'S FROM PENTECOSTALS IN NAKHODKA, WHICH HAD BEEN REJECTED BY THE

OVIR BECAUSE OF TYPOGRAPHICAL ERRORS. CONSOFF ACCEPTED
VYZOVS FOR CORRECTIONS, WHICH IS NORMAL EMBASSY PRACTICE
IN SUCH CASES, FOR RETURN TO HER AT A LATER DATE.

5. SAKHAROV BROUGHT UP CASE OF VLADIMIR KHAILO OF GOROD
KRASNY LUCH IN THE UKRAINE, WHOM AUTHORITIES ARE
THREATENING TO SEPARATE FROM HIS FIFTEEN CHILDREN FOLLOW-
ING HIS APPLICATION FOR EXIT PERMISSION.

6. SAKHAROV ALSO INQUIRED AS TO THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE
BAGGAGE OF AN AMERICAN WOMAN WHO VISITED MOSCOW IN 1976.
HE CLAIMS THAT THE WOMAN, WHOSE NAME HE DOES NOT REMEMBER,
ASKED HIM TO TRY TO CLAIM THE LUGGAGE SINCE THERE WAS A
LETTER IN ONE OF HER BAGS FOR A SOVIET FRIEND. WHEN
CONSOFF STATED HE KNEW NOTHING OF THE MATTER, SAKHAROV
DROPPED THE SUBJECT.

7. CONSOFF NOTICED THAT ALTHOUGH SAKHAROV APPEARED HEALTHY

AND FIT, HIS LEFT FRONT TOOTH WAS MISSING. WHILE HE WAS
OUT OF THE ROOM MS. DZEBOYEVA NOTED THAT HE WOULD SOON
RECEIVE DENTAL TREATMENT FOR IT. MATLOCK

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